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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Consent

SUBJECT:

COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

COVID-19 Positive Case Information by the Numbers

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 case data as of 7/6/2022 listed below.

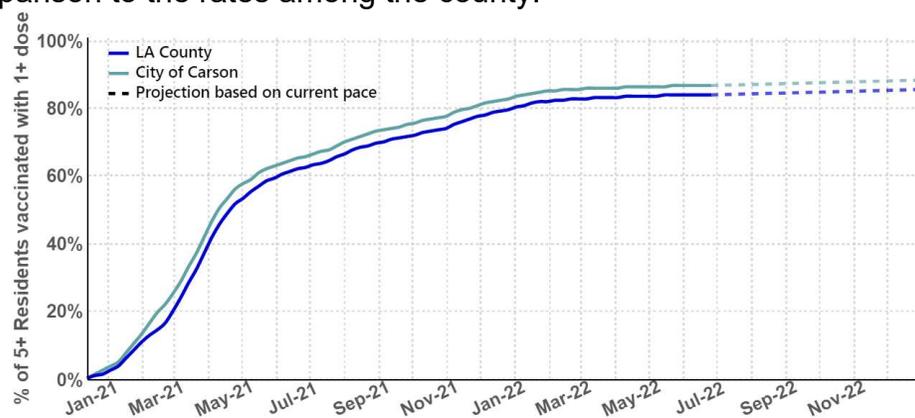
- New Cases: 5,316*
- Total Cases Reported: 3,153,690*
- 7-Day Daily Average Positivity Rate: 12.69%
- Carson Total Confirmed Cases: 28,847

*includes cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena Public Health Departments

Additional COVID-19 testing information can be found at <https://dhs.lacounty.gov/covid-19/testing/>.

County/City of Carson Vaccination Status

As of the date of this report, 86.8% of Carson residents 5 years of age and over have received at least one vaccine dose. The chart below shows vaccination rates for the City of Carson in comparison to the rates among the county.



Additional COVID-19 vaccine information can be found at <https://carsonca.gov/vaccine/>.

City of Carson specific updates:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect many city employees. Employees who were unable to work due to being ill with the virus or for being contact traced were provided leave benefits under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA); Supplemental Paid Sick Leave of 2021 (SPSL) and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave of 2022 (SPSL22).
 - Number of employees who tested positive since start of Pandemic: 285
 - Number of employees who tested positive since January 1, 2022: 148
 - Number of FFCRA, SPSL and SPSL22 benefit recipients: 275
- Masks continue to be required by all city employees and participants in city recreational and educational programs and camps.

Public Health updates:

- This week, Public Health is using its Early Alert Signal to track the new subvariants BA.4 and BA.5. Currently BA.4 and BA.5 combined account for nearly 40% of the specimens sequenced, signaling High concern.
- Public Health cannot predict with certainty what the future hospitalization trend will look like; however, it is looking more likely as cases and admissions continue to increase, that the county will enter the high community level designation later this month. Should the county remain in this high-level designation for two consecutive weeks, universal indoor masking, in alignment with the CDC, would be implemented across the county.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. RECEIVE and FILE.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a novel coronavirus. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may spread the virus. The virus spreads mainly from person-to-person between people in proximity with one another (within about 6 feet) by aspiration of respiratory droplets by an infected person.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

City costs are either being covered by existing department appropriations or new appropriations from the General Fund. All costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic are being tracked separately by staff who will continue to pursue all available reimbursements for eligible City costs incurred from FEMA or other sources.

VI. EXHIBITS

N/A

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